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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 1818.1009-009  
(Current Docket No.: 28195-517 CIP2)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/045,603  
Applicants : Jonathan S. Stamler, *et al.*  
Filed : October 23, 2001  
TC/A.U. : 1651  
Examiner : Jean C. Witz  
For : **RED BLOOD CELLS LOADED WITH S-NITROSOTHIOL  
AND USES THEREFOR**

April 26, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

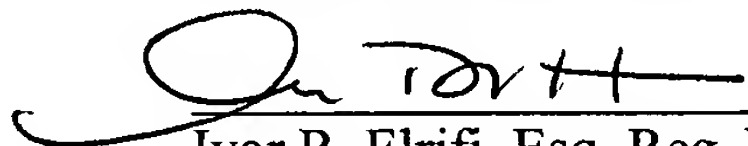
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the February 24, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before April 26, 2004 (April 24, 2004 being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the fee for a small entity required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 28195-517 CIP2, Customer No. 35437. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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